

Protection Act of 2003"; S. 517, the proposed "Francis W. Agnes Prisoner of War Benefits Act of 2003"; S. 1131, the proposed "Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2003"; S. 1133, the proposed "Veterans Programs Improvement Act of 2003"; S. 1188, the proposed "Veterans' Survivor Benefits Act of 2003"; S. 1213, the proposed "Filipino Veterans' Benefits Act of 2003"; S. 1239, the proposed "Former Prisoners of War Special Compensation Act of 2003"; and S. 1281, the proposed "Veterans Information and Benefits Enhancement Act of 2003".

Bills Relating to Veterans' Benefits: S. 249, to provide that remarriage of the surviving spouse of a deceased veteran after age 55 shall not result in termination of dependency and indemnity compensation otherwise payable to that surviving spouse; S. 938, to provide for the payment of dependency and indemnity compensation to the survivors of former prisoners of war who died on or before September 30, 1999, under the same eligibility conditions as apply to payment of dependency and indemnity compensation to the survivors of former prisoners of war who die after that date; and S. 1132, the proposed "Veterans' Survivors Benefits Enhancements Act of 2003".

Bill Proposing to Amend The Soldiers and Sailors Civil Relief Act; S. 792, the proposed "Servicemembers Civil Relief Act"; S. 806, the proposed "Deployed Service Members Financial Security and Education Act of 2003"; and S. 1136, the proposed "Servicemembers Civil Relief Act".

Bills Relating to Other Matters: S. 978, the proposed "Veterans Housing Fairness Act of 2003"; S. 1124, the proposed "Veterans Burial Benefits Improvement Act of 2003"; S. 1199, the proposed "Veterans Outreach Improvement Act of 2003"; S. 1282, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish national cemeteries for geographically underserved populations of veterans; and S. 1630, to amend section 7105 of title 38, United States Code, to clarify the requirements for notices of disagreement for appellate review of Department of Veterans Affairs activities.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

Mr. LUGAR. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Select Committee on Intelligence be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, July 10, 2003, at 2:30 p.m. to hold a closed hearing.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### SUBCOMMITTEE ON CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Mr. LUGAR. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, Subcommittee on Children and Families be authorized to meet for a hearing on CSBG Reauthorization during the session of the Senate on Thursday, July 10, 2003, at 3 p.m.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Michelle Curtis, a fellow in Senator BINGAMAN's office, be granted the privilege of the floor during the pendency of S. 925.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### RATIFICATION OF OTHERWISE LEGAL APPOINTMENTS AND PROMOTIONS IN COMMISSIONED CORPS OF THE NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION

Mr. STEVENS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 120, S. 886.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 886) to ratify otherwise legal appointments and promotions in the commissioned corps of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration that failed to be submitted to the Senate for its advice and consent as required by law, and for other purposes.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. STEVENS. I ask unanimous consent that the bill be read a third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table and any statements

related to the bill be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The bill (S. 886) was read the third time and passed, as follows:

S. 886

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

#### SECTION 1. RATIFICATION OF CERTAIN NOAA APPOINTMENTS, PROMOTIONS, AND ACTIONS.

All action in the line of duty by, and all Federal agency actions in relation to (including with respect to pay, benefits, and retirement) a de facto officer of the commissioned corps of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration who was appointed or promoted to that office without Presidential action, and without the advice and consent of the Senate, during such time as the officer was not properly appointed in or promoted to that office, are hereby ratified and approved if otherwise in accord with the law, and the President alone may, without regard to any other law relating to appointments or promotions in such corps, appoint or promote such a de facto officer temporarily, without change in the grade currently occupied in a de facto capacity, as an officer in such corps for a period ending not later than 180 days from the date of enactment of this Act.

#### APPOINTMENT

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, after consultation with the Ranking Member of the Senate Committee on Finance, pursuant to Public Law 106-170, announces the appointment of the following individual to serve as a member of the Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Advisory Panel:

Thomas P. Golden, of Tennessee, vice Vincent Randazzo, resigned.

Mr. STEVENS. Parliamentary inquiry: I have been asked, is it still in order for Members to place statements in the RECORD, including colloquies, with regard to either bill we have just moved for a vote tomorrow morning. Is that correct?

The PRESIDING OFFICER. At this time, that is correct.

Mr. STEVENS. Anyone who wants to file a statement concerning either of those bills has that right.